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**General Section to HUD's Fiscal Year 2016 Notice[s] of Funding Availability for Discretionary Programs:**

HUD publishes a General Section each Fiscal Year (FY) that contains requirements for all of HUD's competitive grant programs. To be considered for funding, applications must meet all applicable requirements of the General Section and the requirements in the Program NOFA. Read the FY2016 General Section [on-line](#).

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**NCRC National Training Academy Courses for Housing Counselors:**

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- November 16-20, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale, FL- The National Training Academy would like to invite you to attend the first annual event of the Community Reinvestment Alliance of South Florida, convened in partnership with NCRC. This event will be followed by the Ft. Lauderdale Training Series on November 17-20, 2015. Housing counselors and professional staff affiliated with HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies are invited to attend live housing counseling training courses. All participants will receive a tuition scholarship to attend these courses, no application is required. Travel scholarships to Ft. Lauderdale are now available; apply [on-line](#).

Courses include:

- November 17-20, 2015 - Preparing Housing Counselors for the HUD Certification Exam: This course is designed to provide housing counseling practitioners with test-taking tools and strategies in preparation for sitting for the HUD competency certification examination. Register [on-line](#).
- November 17, 2015 - It is the Law: Fair Housing, Fair Lending and Civil Rights: In this one-day course, participants will be exposed to the history of civil rights and fair housing and lending laws in the United

States. The course will cover the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Opportunities Act, and other pertinent federal laws, regulations, and governmental guidance. Additionally, an overview of the pre- and post-2008 mortgage lending market will be discussed. Register [on-line](#).

- November 18-19, 2015 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Learn about Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements and regulations that spell out the fair housing obligations of states, cities and towns across America. Register [on-line](#).
- November 17, 2015 - Understanding the Basics of Financial Capability: This one-day introductory course helps you understand what financial capability means for your clients and the different ways you can help them better manage their finances through financial capability activities. Register [on-line](#).
- November 18-19, 2015 - Building Financial Capability Through Financial Coaching: This introductory course to financial coaching will help you consider enhancing your relationship with clients through financial coaching – a client-driven, facilitated process that helps clients reach their financial goals. Register [on-line](#).
- Save the date for our upcoming Training Series at the following locations:
  - Houston, TX in January 2016
  - Washington, DC in March 2016
  - Cleveland, OH in May 2016
- October 1-30, 2015 - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule Part I & II - Pre-recorded: This webinar is to increase awareness about the HUD's AFFH final rule. In this webinar you will hear from national legal and planning experts about the AFFH final rule, the Assessment of Fair Housing template, and how its critical tenets provide clear guidance to entitlement jurisdictions, Public Housing Authorities, states, sub-grantees and others on their obligation under the Fair Housing Act, as amended. Register for Part I [on-line](#). Register for Part II [on-line](#).
- October 1-30, 2015 - Overview of CFPB-Mandated Changes That Affect Consumers and Housing Counseling - Pre-recorded: Learn about the regulatory changes mandated under the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that affect mortgage loan origination and servicing, and how they impact consumers and housing counseling. The rules amend several existing regulations under the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA). Register [on-line](#).

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Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for HUD Office of Housing Counseling (HUD-OHC) listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

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[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)  
[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC. If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email.

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### Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

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- [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
- [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
- [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
- [OHC Webinar Archive](#)
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- [Disaster Recovery Resources](#)
- [Foreclosure Assistance](#)
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